



STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Department of Science

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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Stanford University
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

* Prompted by concern over the recent cuts in federal funding for cancer research and other key areas of scientific research, students and faculty members at a number of colleges in the New York metropolitan area have recently banded together to form the National Collegiate Association for the Conquest of Cancer (NCACC). The primary aim of this organization is to spur the government to make cancer research a major area of national priority and to undertake a program of intensive research aimed at the conquest of cancer. The program envisioned would be a broad-based attack, firmly founded in basic biomedical research.

Further details of the aims and activities of this organization are outlined in the enclosed recruitment letter and other sample materials, which have been sent out to major colleges and universities throughout the country.

In fostering and guiding the activities of the organization, it would be helpful to have an advisory board of eminent scientists. We sincerely hope that you will lend us your support. We realize that the press of your commitments may preclude any more active participation than merely lending the moral support of permitting your name to appear as a member of the Advisory Board on the letterhead of the organization, but even this would be a tremendous help.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Alvin Silverstein
Chairman, NCACC

* I am afraid this will not be very effective without a much sharper focus. We already have a substantiated "national commitment" in the form of the National Cancer Institute. What has it paid off? How about a National Assn. for the Prevention of Cancer?

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Sincerely, Alvin Silverstein